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Attorney General John Ashcroft
The DOJ
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

It has recently come to my attention that there has been a settlement reached in the case against Microsoft by the Justice Department. I agree with this settlement wholeheartedly, and I ask you to finalize it at the end of the comment period.

This case has been ongoing for the past three years. The Justice Department should end its persecution of Microsoft based on its worldwide success. It serves no useful purpose to continue on with the case, since doing so would waste a vast amount of time, tax dollars, and human resources, all of which can be better spent on the current needs of the country. The settlement is fair, and changes many of Microsoft's business practices, especially those found unsavory by competitors and consumers alike, such as retribution against companies that tack non-Microsoft software onto Windows before shipping a computer to the customer.

I ask that the government resolve to put an end to this lawsuit by deciding to take no further action against Microsoft.

Sincerely,

Frank Arkfeld

cc: Representative Richard Armey